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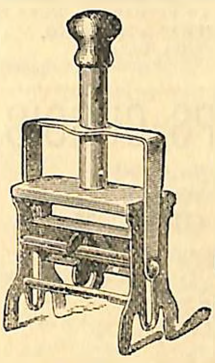

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It was decided to adopt it after making the changes necessary to adapt it to the requirements of a Canadian association.

The Provincial Vice-Presidents have been abolished.

Three trustees will be appointed by the Executive Board from year to year, whose duties will be similar to those of the A.P.A.

As an instance of the imperfect state of the present constitution I might mention that no provision is made for the appointment of an Executive Committee such as we have at present, the Executive Board being the only constituted authority at present existing.

The elective officers of the Association in future will be the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer who constitute the Executive Board of the Association and who will appoint the other officers, such as Exc. Sup't, Librarian, Counterfeit Detector, &c.

In future all elections will be conducted by the Board of Trustees previous to meeting of Convention as provided by Constitution.

The result of all elections will be announced under proper order of business at Convention by trustees, thus relieving the Convention of the work of making up election returns, etc.

A special clause in the new Constitution will provide that the officers elect for 1890 are to hold office until the convention of 1891.

As this arrangement will require an explanation I will make the reasons for such ruling plain.

When our first board of officers was elected in January, 1888, the mistake was made of electing them for the whole year instead of retiring them at Convention in Toronto, in September last, and the newly elected board should have stepped into work at once.

It was simply an oversight that the matter was allowed to pass unnoticed. There was so much to do in completing the organization of the Association and getting things into working order.

The committee carefully considered the question and came to the conclusion that the only way to correct the mistake is to give the officers elect for 1890 a term of eighteen months and have them retire at the close of Convention in 1891.

Our other alternative offered which was to elect a set of officers to serve six months or until next Convention, but this idea was abandoned from the fact that it would be unfair to the officers so elected and render a second election necessary within twelve months.

It does seem very absurd to elect a board of officers nearly six months before they take office.

I hope the members will be under no misapprehension regarding this matter.

It does not require any defence but simply an explanation, and, as a member of the Committee, I feel it due to call attention thus specially to it, in order that the motives of the Committee be clearly understood. Mr. W. C. Stone, who was Chairman of the Committee, intends to explain it through the columns of the Am. Phil. for the benefit of American members.

Before closing this letter I wish to remark that it is to be hoped the voting members will not neglect to vote upon the adoption (or rejection) of the new Constitution when the ballots reach them and not place the Association in the unpleasant predicament that the late convention at Halifax found itself in. When the time came for declaring the ballot closed the Secretary reported not sufficient ballots to hand to make an election of officers for 1890, so the time had to be extended until last session of Convention, when fortunately sufficient ballots came in to enable the Executive Committee to declare election.

Yours respectfully,

ALVIN J. CRAIG.

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We are sure the readers of philatelic journals on this Continent must be tired of the Chalmers-Hill controversy. We have become so disgusted with it that we have refused to make any reference to it in our columns. It looks as though some editors sadly lacked matter to fill their papers, when they will print page after page of such rubbish. For the sake of the "hobby" we love let us let Chalmers and Hill fight the matter out themselves while we spend the time in a more profitable manner, by devoting ourselves to our stamps and their study.

In our last number we published an item about Gustave, Aue & Co., which we wish to correct. Mr. Aue has been very ill for many months and totally unable to attend to his business, which was the cause of the delay we complained of. We did not know of his illness, at the time of publishing the item referred to, or we would not have done so. Mr. Aue is regaining his health slowly, and will, we trust, soon be all right again.

D. A. King, Secretary of the C. P. A. has been quite ill for some time and had to be relieved from his duties in the Halifax post office for a time; we trust he will be speedily restored to his usual good health.

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THE PUBLISHERS.

BRANTFORD NOTES.

BY F. J. GRENNY.

Now that the Convention is over and the summer holiday and carnival season nearly so, I wish to call the attention of the members to the fact that preparation is being made to supply them with a larger and better stock of stamps than before. I have now ready to send out, 1st Sept., about twenty books of good and rare stamps, and I think there is a shrinkage in price, too, which will be acceptable. I am sending out statements as fast as possible, am delayed a little waiting for arrival of a few more books; wish to make complete settlements in September before going to A. P. A. Convention at St. Louis in October and expect ye Editor to accompany me.

Mr. Deats, of N. J., called upon me on his way to the Wild West, and I had the pleasure of inspecting his unrivalled collection of U. S. proofs of Revenues, Doc., &c., among them the $5,000 stamp.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

GENTLEMEN,—

The dues for the last half of the year are not coming in as fast as they ought to. The second notification has been sent to all unpaid members and unless remittance is made at once their names will be dropped from the list of members, under By-Law No. 10.

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ODDS AND ENDS.

BY "ACADIA."

The small attendance at Convention was a matter of regret to our Halifax members who are very anxious to extend their acquaintanceship among the members of the Association.

President Hechler as a presiding officer won golden opinions, and the friendliness he exhibited toward visiting members was much appreciated.

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In your July number Mr. J. R. Hooper indignantly repudiates the authorship of the objectionable item in the May number of the "Eastern Philatelist" and greatly yet firmly declines to be nominated as "Kicker." Now Acadia only assumed that Mr. Hooper was the author but did not assert that he was, and as the assumption hurts Mr. Hooper, Acadia is prepared to act a gentleman's part and withdraw it accepting Mr. Hooper's statement that he did not write it. But Acadia wishes it to be distinctly understood that the withdrawal of the imputation is not in consequence of Mr. Hooper's threat in the Halifax Philatelist to discover his real name. In that particular Mr. Hooper is still free to act as he thinks best, but perhaps he will pardon me if I suggest that he had better be certain he has his quarry run to earth before he attempts to dig him out.

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I am informed on the highest authority that the picnic excursion to which the Halifax members entertained the visiting brethren on Saturday 4th, August, was very much enjoyed. The trip down the harbor and around the beautiful North West arm must have been delightful in the fine government steam launch which was used for the occasion. Too much cannot be said in praise of the caterer for the party. He provided everything that could be desired, with a lavish hand. In fruits there were oranges, bananas, pears. For drinks there was beer, ale, lemonade, soda, etc., etc And to crown all, an elegant lunch. Even the President's weakness for limburger was not forgotten. In fact nothing was wanting to render the excursion one of the most pleasant we have heard described. The delegates indulged their fancies for mixed drinks to the fullest extent. Even a decoction of lemonade with the limpid waters of the Nor. West arm was attempted with more or less success. But privately the writer is of the opinion that only the maritime members indulged in the last named compound, and attributes it to their superior knowledge of the best way of overcoming the much dreaded *Mal-de-mer* probably on the principle of "swallowing a hair of the dog that bit you," or it is just possible that in the excitement of the moment they forgot that while in sight of fresh water they were sailing on the briny deep. A very enjoyable feature of the day's outing was a photograph of the party taken by our worthy President, Mr. Hechler, who is an amateur artist of considerable repute. What a pity Acadia's noble form could not have been immortalized also. Mention must also be made of another pleasing portion of the entertainment. I allude to the splendid singing with which the Halifax members regaled their guests upon the homeward trip. To particularize is perhaps unjust, but I feel that it is due the party to say that such a tenor as Mr. Dewolfe deserves special mention,while Mr. Crane with his deep, full bass cannot be passed without a word, and then such a chorus when the rest of the party joined in. The visitors sat entranced (probably too full for utterance) as the beautiful melody echoed and re-echoed far across the magnificent harbor, till it reached Acadia's ears, who murmured sadly at the hard fate which consigned him to work instead of giving him a soft snap in the P.O. Dept. Sooner than run the risk of slighting Mr. Dewolfe I must refer to his valuable assistance as chief steward of the craft. He excited the admiration of the whole party by the lightning-like rapidity with which he would draw a cork, and the universal opinion was that such dexterity could only be the result of long practice. As assistant engineer he also rendered good service. Though not having had much experience at that business a few errors were overlooked; so when he, with Mr. Kaye's assistance, opened the deep sea valve and turned on the water the party thoroughly enjoyed the situation, although for a few moments it looked as if a washout was imminent. Just another word and I am done. The party had arranged to get away from the wharf at 2 p.m. sharp, but by some means one of the visitors missed the crowd. However, they were good enough to wait for him and he turned up half an hour late. We would like to suggest to the distinguished late member aforesaid that he had better be more prompt if he expects to keep up with the procession next year. The party landed at 7.30, full of beer, bananas, biscuits and best wishes for all concerned.

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